

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The specification is amended by the present response to correct minor informalities. The changes made to the specification are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 6,437,786 to Yasukawa. Claims 2, 8, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Yasukawa as applied to Claims 1, 7, and 14, and further in view of JP 5-216885 to Iwamoto. Claims 4, 10, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yasukawa as applied to Claims 3, 9, and 16, and further in view of U.S. patent 5,987,323 to Huotari.

Addressing the above-noted rejections, those rejections are traversed by the present response.

Initially, applicants note each of the independent claims is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, independent Claim 1 now recites that the storage device is configured to store the image file received from “a transmitting side apparatus to be operated and arranged at a site of the presentation”. The other independent claims are similarly amended.

According to the claims as currently written, a storage device is configured to store a image file received from a transmitting side device to be operated and arranged at a site of a presentation. That is, the transmitting side device is a device provided at the site of a speaker conducting a presentation, and is exemplified as the Note PC 201 of Figure 3 in the present specification as a non-limiting example. The features clarified in the claim are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

Yasukawa is cited as the primary reference in each of the outstanding rejections, and is particularly cited to disclose the claimed “storage device” by the RAM 6. Further, as noted in the Office Action a web server corresponds to the claimed “transmitting side apparatus”.

The claims, however, recite a contrary structure than as in Yasukawa, as in the claims the transmitting side apparatus is “to be operated and arranged at a site of the presentation”. In contrast to the claims as currently written, in Yasukawa the web server is clearly not operated and arranged at a site of a presentation.

In Yasukawa the RAM 6 is provided in a projector.¹ Further, the web server is connected to the projector via a network and stores already prepared image data, which is processed into an image to be displayed during a presentation.² In other words, in Yasukawa the image data pre-stored in the web server is downloaded to the RAM 6 of the projector via a network and is then displayed to the audience of the presentation. In Yasukawa the downloading of the image data is performed by reading an IP address from an EEPROM in the projector and alternatively by inputting an IP address through a key inputting device 11.³ The key inputting device 11 is a peripheral device provided to the projector.⁴

Thereby, in Yasukawa the projector, which is not a transmitting side device but a receiving side device, is operated by the speaker through the key inputting device 11. Thereby, Yasukawa does not disclose or suggest that the web server can be a transmitting side device that is operated and arranged at a site of a presentation.

In such ways, Yasukawa does not disclose all the features recited in amended independent Claim 1, and as similarly recited in the other independent claims. In fact, Yasukawa discloses a structure actually teaching away from the above-noted claimed features.

¹ Yasukawa at column 9, lines 23-55.

² Yasukawa at column 12, line 45 et. seq.

³ Yasukawa at column 11, lines 20-52.

⁴ Yasukawa at column 9, lines 23-55.

That is, Yasukawa discloses at column 1, line 58 to column 2, line 41 that in a conventional presentation method using a PC, provided for reproduction and that can reproduce an image data, and a projector connected to the PC, the device of Yasukawa can eliminate the need for providing a PC for reproduction at the presentation site. Yasukawa specifically states:

By preparing image data at a server, connecting a projector...and displaying an image, *a PC is not needed at a meeting place*, and the image can be easily formed from the image data and displayed without being restricted by the environment.⁵

In other words, the device of Yasukawa is directed to a presentation system that allows the speaker to conduct a presentation with the aid of an on-site projector and an off-site network server, without using an on-site PC. Thereby, it is clear that in Yasukawa the server is not and could not be a transmitting side device “to be operated and arranged at a site of a presentation”, as required in the claims.

In view of these further foregoing comments, applicants respectfully submit that the claims as currently written clearly distinguish over the teachings in Yasukawa.

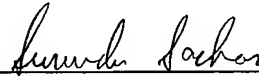
Moreover, no teachings in Iwamoto or Huotari overcome the above-noted deficiencies in Yasukawa.

⁵ Yasukawa at column 4, lines 4-9 (emphasis added).

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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